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Chief, Foreign Division 2

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SUBJECT

Viennese Organization for False Information

REFERENCE: RAVI 6501

We have received from our Austrian Station two CIO reports (801-V-0116 and 801-V-0720) describing the activities in Vienna of a group of individuals furnishing false information to Allied intelligence agencies. The reports are evaluated 2-3 by CIO, and the subsource expresses the belief that some members of the ring were instructed by "Soviet" or "Russian" officials to furnish the information. Our Austrian Station believes, rather, that the ring is in the business to make money and not to furnish planned deception material. The Josef ~~Adolf~~ URAN named in the reports is a member of an Austrian CIO operation through which the reports are channeled to CIO. We are summarizing below the information contained in the reports with the thought that it may assist you in detecting false information coming through ODESA channels. Because of the operational involvement with Allied intelligence of several of the principals of the ring, to RAVI pass this on to ODESA. In this respect, see RAVI-V.

1. Active members of the group (with Washington traces shown in parentheses) are:

a. Josef ADOLF URAN

(RAV-1-0120, describes URAN as a former SS Obergruppenführer in charge of Amt VI for Hungary. In 1945 he escaped from the Langensand internment camp, then went to work for CIO Salzburg. He organized a net which competed with that of Wilhelm KERTL, recently cut off by CIO Austria. URAN is said to have had years of experience.)

b. Klaus FROELICH

(We would have guessed this to be the former ODESA contact, Karl Klaus Froelich o FANFINI, o FUCHS, o BURCHARDT, and RAV-1-1873 not described the latter as living in the French zone of Germany rather than in Vienna. The FROELICH of the CIO report is probably identical with a FROELICH, son, mentioned in RAV-1-0004, as a former SS Hauptsturmführer who furnished an ODEP source with information about Amt VI/2 (contested) funds held by Kurt AMER, RAVI, and others at the end of the war. This latter FROELICH was the main officer of Amt VI/2.)

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- c. Dr. Erich KRAJ
Maidengasse 6/13, Vienna VI. (Possibly identical with a KRAJ, fnn, reported in VII 157-A as a former associate of a group of professional informants in Munich. This KRAJ had a criminal record, and his last recorded whereabouts before the end of the war was Smala, where he had no apparent occupation than gambling.)
- d. Ferdinand KLEINSTEIN
(See paragraph 1, above. Correct spelling is probably KLEINSTEIN. Nephew of the director of the Hotel Imperial, Vienna.)
- e. KOCHELEWITZ, fnn
Hedlberg Rosenkranzberg 208, bei Gleschnacherl, Vienna XII. (No traces.)
- f. Fritz KRES, or FRIEDRICH KRES
Wiedner Hauptstrasse 113/1/10, Vienna IV. (Son of one of the directors of the "Kampfbund" and friend and reportedly confident both of Ferdinand GRUB, State Secretary of the Interior, and of Felix KULTER, Minister of Education. He is known as the OeVP youth leader and of the "Junge Adler".)
- g. Dr. Arthur KRIEGER
Hilberstrasse 18, Vienna I. (No traces.)
- h. Herbert KRAMER
Koenigsklostergasse 7/13, Vienna VI. (Currently the leader of the "Aktionistische Freiheitsschleifer". A former NSDAP member, KRAMER was confined at the end of the war, but later allegedly employed by the US in an intelligence capacity. His wife, nee GOLDBERG, employed in the Austrian Ministry of the Interior as a concubine (telephone) clerk, is a KPO member, as is her brother, fnn GOLDBERG.)
- i. Alexander VOLOPITZ
Kandlwirgasse 16/8, Vienna VI. (Evidently not identical with a Lt. Col. Vladimir VOLOPITZ stationed in Vienna until 1947. An Alexander VOLOPITZ has been reported as a special correspondent for the "Kriegsentscheidungen", Vienna I.)

2. Subsource alleges that the group began operating around December 1948, but became really active in February or March of 1949. The group planned in early 1950 to peddle the following specific information:

- a. A plan containing KPO and Soviet activities to be implemented in the spring of 1950.
- b. A KPO plan to utilize the economic situation in Austria, and calling for strikes in January-February 1950.
- c. Soviet plans for a critical attitude toward Austrian government officials, including specific action against certain party officials.
- d. KPO plans for increased activity on the part of Soviet and German collectors, to include compiling lists of local people, their occupations and political affiliations.

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- e. A report that Erwin SUCKER-SCHILLER is in bad grace of the Soviet Element.
- f. Reports about the new Cominform party line.
- g. A report about alleged personnel changes in the KPOs IX, including the names of functionaries shifted.
- h. The KPOs "Putschplan" (Plan X).
- i. The Soviet "Oil Plan".
- j. Reports of secret KPOs IX, and Communist front organization meetings.

8. The subsource further alleges that UHMAN, the chief source of the false information, claims not to work for CIC, but to receive \$3,000 monthly from the US Intelligence Service in KPOs IX with which he maintains a net of about twenty Agents. He claims contacts in the satellite countries with whom he maintains contact through sleeping car attendants on international trains.



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